THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) To set up a power project in any State, the promoter has necessarily to obtain consent of the concerned State Electricity Board/State Government. To introduce greater transparency in awarding of private power projects, competitive bidding route has been made mandatory for entrusting power projec ts to the private sector by the State Governments after 18.02.1995.

Crisis in Western Power Grid

5362. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western power grid is facing a serious crisis;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether supply of natural gas to power stations of NTPC has been reduced;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) During the year 1994-95, the energy shortage in Western Region was 3.9% as against the All India average shortage of 7.1%.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Due to rectificatory measures at Bombay High, the supplies to existing NTPC plants have been restricted at a lower level than the linked quantities.

(e) For the better utilisation of the installed capacitites, alternate fuels such as Naphtha have been made available to take care of the fluctuations in supply of the gas.

रिलायंस उद्योग द्वारा स्थापित की जाने वाली विद्युत परियोजनाएं

5363. श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम: क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने हाल ही में रिलायंस इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड के साथ गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश में विद्युत परियोजनाएं स्थापित करने संबंधी समझौतों पर हस्ताक्षर किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है तथा प्रत्येक परियोजना की क्षमता कितनी है और उनके द्वारा वाणिज्यिक उत्पादन कब शुरू कर दिए जाने की उम्मीद है; और

(ग) रिलायंस इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड के साथ हुए समझौते से देश में विद्युत की कमी को किस हद तक पूरा किया जा सकेगा तथा उक्त राज्यों में परियोजनावार कितने लोगों को रोजगार के अवसर मिलने की संभावना है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिलाबेन चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) से (ग) भारत सरकार ने मैसर्स रिलायंस इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड के साथ गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश एवं उत्तर प्रदेश में विद्युत परियोजनाएं स्थापित करने के लिए किसी समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर नहीं किए हैं। तथापि, गुजरात सरकार ने गुजरात के जामनगर में 4×250 मेगावाट के ताप विद्युत केन्द्र की स्थापना के लिए सिद्धांत रूप से अपनी मंजूरी दे दी है। मैसर्स रिलायंस पावर ने प्रथम चरण में जामनगर में 2×250 मेगावाट विद्युत संयंत्र स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव रखा है। संयंत्र के वाणिज्यिक उत्पादन का समय, आवश्यक स्वीकृतियां प्राप्त होने, वित्तीय समापन प्राप्त होने तथा परियोजना का निर्माण कार्य पूरा होने पर निर्भर करेगा। कम्पनी ने सूचित किया है कि इस संयंत्र से लगभग 1000 लोगों को रोजगार मिलेगा।

Proposals for Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh

5364. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted project proposals for power generation exceeding 11,200 M.W.;

(b) whether Central Government have completed the scrutiny of such proposals;

(c) if so, whether the proposals have been hastily screened; and

(d) whether the settle norms have been adhered to in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Jagurupadu CCGT (216MW) and Godavari CCGT (208MW) being implemented in the private sector and Priyadarshini Jurala HE Project (6 x 36.9 MW) and Nagarjunasagar TPD (2 x 25 MW) have been accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

(d) The settled norms have been adhered to in these projects.

Clearance to Cogentrix Power Project

5365. SHRI B.K. HARI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been inordinate delay at the Centre in providing clearance for the Cogentrix Power Project at Mangalore in Karnataka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Karnataka has strictly followed the guidelines and parameters set forth by the Centre in negotiating the project, including terms governing power purchase agreement;

(c) whether Government are aware that any further delay in clearance of the project would entail escalation/over-run of the original project estimates; and

(d) whether Government would speed up the process of clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir

(b) The negotiation over the project is done by the State Government/State Electricity Board with the Project developer. The feasibility report submitted by the developer to Central Electricity Authority during the last week of March, 1995 is presently under examination by the Authority. The Power Purchase Agreement between the Karnataka Electricity Board & Promoters is also under examination.

(c) and (d) The Government does not anticipate any inordinate delay, which could entail escalation/over-run of the original project estimates. The project has been identified as one of the Fast track projects.

MOUs with Private Parties for Power Projects

5366. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of MOUs were signed by various State Governments with private parties for setting up power plants;

(b) whether Government's guidelines were followed while signing these MOUs;

(c) the details of MOUs signed by various State Governments so far; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take in regard to the MOUs signed if the guidelines were not followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the information available with the Centre Government, 123 MOUs have been signed with private power proponents for seting up of power projects. The details of the projects are given in the annexure. (*See* Appendix 173, annexure no. 115)

Through a letter dated 18.1.1995, the Government of India has informed all the State Governments that all future private